income is about Rs. 29 per mensem. The average monthly rent each family pays is about Rs. 5. There are about 54 families living as co-tenants, 2 or 3 living in the same house. During the last six years, the number of houses they have changed is 110. They have gone into a cheaper and ill-ventilated house every time they changed. I have seen 2 or 3 families in one room. This does not conduce the moral well-being of the community. These are the conditions of one community in Bangalore. There are several other communities who are labouring under similar disadvantages. We have been representing this to the Municipality repeatedly, and every time, we are asked to wait. I therefore request that Government may be pleased to give us an assurance to enable them to acquire building sites at minimum upset prices without including charges of acquisition, etc.

Mr. Abbas Khan.—This matter is being discussed in the Municipal Council and some sites are being made available for housing purposes in the near future.

Second Member of Council.—So far as Government are concerned, we can assure you that everything that is possible will be done so far as city municipalities are concerned. As regards the grant of lands in rural areas, a Special Committee has been appointed and their report is under consideration.

SUBJECT No. 171.

Acquisition of houses.

Messrs. H. Krishna Sastry, Krishnarajapete Taluk and C. Narasimhaiya, Heggaddevanakote Taluk.

Mr. C. Narasimhaiya.—Before acquiring houses from persons for public purposes, no new sites are allotted to such persons. If possession is taken from such persons, they will be put to much difficulty and loss. No house should therefore be acquired and demolished before another new dwelling is ready for occupation. In the Madras Presidency, a Government Order has issued, in this connection. The Chairman of the Chidambaram Municipal Council reported that certain insanitary houses were so constructed as not to admit light and ventilation and without regard to water-supply. Notices were served, they were prosecuted and fined, but without effect. When it was recommended that the houses should be demolished, Government ordered that they should not be razed until the new houses were provided for the displaced people. Our Government should enquire into the details of the Order and issue a similar order here. When houses are acquired for a public purpose, at least 6 to 7 months time should be given to people in the houses for finding a house for themselves.

Dewan.—You are on the Trust Board and why not move this subject there ?

Mr. C. Narasimhaiya.—In the City of Mysore, about 4,271 houses have been acquired, but only 3,847 houses have been built, and people who have lost the remaining houses are put to much difficulty for not being provided with any accommodation. Government should make a rule that no house should be acquired till a new dwelling place is provided for those whose houses have been acquired. Till such satisfactory arrangements are made, the Municipality should not begin acquiring houses.

Dewan.—The question is noted for consideration.

SUBJECT No. 172.

Resumption of vacant sites in Municipalities.

Mr. K. V. Narayana Rao, Nanjangud Municipality.

The City and Town Municipal Councils may be empowered to resume with or without a nominal value such of the vacant sites as have neither been built upon by the owners thereof nor offered in sale to intending house builders.

Second Member of Council.—The Municipal Regulation will have to be amended to give such powers to the Municipalities. A Draft amending the Regulation is under the consideration of Government.

SUBJECT No. 173.

Letting out Mutton stalls on annual rents.

Mr. Mir Mahomed Sab, Tarikere Taluk.

Mr. Mir Mohamed Sab.—In most of the Municipalities in the State, the mutton stalls are leased out annually in public auction. The result of this is that longstanding mutton sellers are forced to discontinue their business, being unable to compete in the public auction and consumers will have to buy at a very high rate. This should be stopped and mutton stalls leased on annual rents. The rent of Rs. 2 per stall has increased to Rs. 40 by auction.

Second Member of Council.—This is a matter entirely within the power of the Municipal Councils.

Mr. Rasool Khan.—In order to make more money, the Municipality have resorted to this practice. This should be discontinued in the interest of both the sellers and consumers.

Mr. Abbas Khan.—It is much better to fix by annual rents than by public auction. In Bangalore, it is given according to rent. It is not auctioned.

Dewan.—Representations may be submitted to Government.